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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**BROCKTON, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that a Plymouth County Grand Jury returned indictments today charging Antonio Durham (DOB: 9/10/81) of Brockton with Murder in connection with the June 2013 beating death of 4 year old Chauncey Cohen. The Grand Jury also returned indictments charging Cohen's mother, Tania Merisca, with being an Accessory after the Fact of the commission of a felony.

On June 2, 2013, at approximately 8:40 p.m., Chauncey Cohen (DOB: 5/1/09) of Brockton, was brought to the Good Samaritan Hospital by his mother, Tania Merisca. Cohen was unresponsive. Cohen had been staying at the Holiday Inn Express with her and her boyfriend, Antonio Durham. Cohen was pronounced dead at the Good Samaritan Hospital at 9:26 p.m. on June 2nd. The cause of death was determined to be blunt force trauma to the abdomen and the manner of death was homicide.

Dunham and Merisca will be arraigned in Superior Court on a date to be determined.

No further information is being released at this time.

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